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NEW AIRPORT ACTION GROUP DENIES SPLIT

'We're just presenting the business view'

CAMPAIGNERS backing Lydd airport's controversial expansion plans have denied any rift following the setting-up of another support group ahead of a public inquiry.

Supporters Of Lydd Airport, or SOLA, will run alongside the more established Friends Of Lydd Airport (FLAG) to provide a 'dual approach' to argue both the technical and community aspects of the proposals, it is claimed.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

Lydd landlord Tim Crompton, who helped set up SOLA, said the group would speak up for the business and community benefits of the proposed development, which was approved in March last year when Shepway councillors chose to reject the recommendation of their own officers.

The decision to build a 500,000-passenger terminal and 444-metre runway extension will be scrutinised at public inquiry after an appeal by

Government conservation body Natural England, whose advice had also been overridden by councillors.

Mr Crompton, who runs The George hotel in Lydd high street, told Yourshepway: "The fact is the town is dying, it needs some investment and the only place we are going to get any is from something like the airport.

"When you've something willing to put millions of pounds into an area, you should really grab it."

He said SOLA differed from FLAG due to the latter concentrating on the

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YOUR PURPLE GAZE

One of the highlights of last year was the first-ever successful breeding by purple herons in the UK, at Dungeness RSPB reserve. The event brought thousands of visitors to Romney Marsh and thrust the area into the national-media spotlight. We can but wait to see what this year holds for Shepway, but many in the district are hoping that its rich natural environment - which attracts so much wealth - will not be sacrificed in a spree of development. Only time will tell, but for a round-up of the issues likely to affect us all in 2011, turn to page 3.



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Earthquake Ed looks forward to quieter life

A MAN who helped make safe hundreds of buildings in the aftermath of the Folkestone earthquake has retired as a council officer after 25 years.

Ed Elcock, nicknamed Earthquake Ed, is stepping down as head of community safety and regulatory control at Shepway council, having spent his career in local government.

However, he said that none of what he did during that fateful day would have been possible without the help of the fire service and other emergency services.

He told Yourshepway when the earth shook on April 28, 2007: "I was at home in Mersham and the whole place shuddered. I thought it was a heavy lorry going by."

"Then within minutes my phone rang and it was one of my principal building control officers who lives in Wear Bay Road, Folkestone. He had heard a very loud bang because the epicentre was just out in the Channel. There were rumours flying around as to what it was – a plane crashing, a bomb going off – but I headed straight down there and for the next three or four days I didn't sleep a lot."

Mr Elcock and his team set about checking and securing 1,500 dangerous structures within the space of a few short hours after the tremor, prioritising which ones needed to be seen first by the fire service.

He said: "We ran out of [building control] people within an hour – we knew we had a major problem on our hands."

"The fire brigade obviously knew what they had to do because they were saving as much as they could and making sure everybody was safe. We worked absolutely arm-in-



RETIRING: Ed Elcock at Shepway council

arm with them and I did go up on a couple of roofs to see the damage."

They were soon joined by other building-surveyor colleagues from Ashford, Dover and as far as Wiltshire, all operating from an emergency HQ set up next to Shepway's civic centre.

Other emergencies Mr Elcock has had to deal with in his time include the St Mary's Bay oil-spill, helping the police after ram-raids and even entering burning buildings to make sure they were safe for fire crews.

He also played a part in overseeing the building of Saga's Sandgate offices, the Stop 24 motorway services and Bouverie Place shopping centre. Over the years he added parking services, environmental health, coastal defence and community safety to his portfolio.

Mr Elcock said: "I'm retiring, but I'm going to carry on doing a bit of surveying, possibly project management. Obviously I will have more time to improve my golf handicap and to walk the dog."

"Towards the last few years it was quite a wide-ranging role – it was very enjoyable and I will miss it."

Window-punch man is wanted by police

POLICE are appealing for information after a man punched in a charity-shop window in Hythe, causing hundreds of pounds in damage.

A man was seen arguing with someone he was talking to on a mobile phone and became very irate.

A woman with him asked him to stop, but he punched the 8ftx6ft toughened plate-glass window valued at £800. He was afterwards seen walking towards Red Lion Square.

The man is white, aged about 21, 6ft and of thin build.

He was wearing a dark hooded top, dark jeans and has a pierced eyebrow.

The woman he was with is described as 5ft 6in and with dark hair. She was heavily pregnant.

The incident happened on Saturday, December 11, shortly after 7pm. Call the police on 01622 690690 and quote crime number FY/19919/10, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, if you can help.

Witness appeal after A259 death smash

POLICE have launched a fresh appeal after a second person died from injuries caused in a car crash on Romney Marsh.

Carole Griffin, 66, passed away peacefully at the William Harvey Hospital on Monday.

Her 67-year-old husband Barry Griffin was driving a blue Nissan Micra on the A259 when it was in a head-on collision with a blue Suzuki Grand Vitara travelling towards Lydd on Saturday, December 18, at about 10am.

Mr Griffin, of Lydd, died shortly after the collision. The driver and passenger in the Vitara were left with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police want to trace the driver of a silver car thought to be a Ford Focus that may have been behind the Micra. Phone 01622 798538 if you can help.

Flatscreen TV theft

POLICE are appealing for information about the theft of a 50-inch flatscreen television set from a home in Littlestone.

The Samsung TV was stolen from an address in Coast Road between 9am and 7pm on Wednesday, December 22. Anyone with information is asked to phone PC Andy Perham on 01303 289139 or email andrew.perham@kent.pnn.police.uk.

'Nothing new to the party'

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 more 'technical' side and pointing out how little had changed since the last public inquiry.

Mr Crompton said the plans would bring much-needed prosperity to the Marsh: "It will eventually create a couple of thousand jobs, both directly and indirectly."

"They would be divided between those working at the airport, for people in ancillary services, induced jobs by shops employing more workers due to more money in the area and those created by airlines and businesses moving in."

"At the moment there are all the youngsters who can't get jobs locally and have to move out of the area – there's no career path, which you will get with the airport."

He dismissed suggestions that only lower-level catering and cleaning jobs would be made available to local people, citing the example of three former Marsh Academy students who are undertaking apprenticeships at the airport.

Natural England, in addition to objecting to the development, also wants to expand the Dungeness to Pett Level Special Protection Area (SPA) and to designate a new Ramsar site, or protected wetland area, around the airport.

If granted, the SPA boundary would be brought closer to the airport's perimeter while the proposed Ramsar site would surround the runway.

Mr Crompton said: "People are far more important than plants when it comes to investing in the area."

"Natural England object to everything. If they had their way all the time we would live in a sterile country."

"Lydd used to be busier than Heathrow – in the late 1950s and early 1960s it could manage 220 flights in one day and they were big, dirty, heavy aircraft, yet the Marsh is still here."

Louise Barton, of anti-expansion group LAAG, said: "My interpretation is there's been a fight between the various factions. You don't create a new action group two minutes before a public inquiry."

"It's normally done when there are disagreements or there's a view that these people are not capable of presenting the correct case."

"They're putting a nice rosy complexion on it and not contributing anything new to the party."



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Year of change and transition

THIS year promises to be eventful for Shepway, with key decisions being made about the district's future, together with world-renowned contemporary artists descending on Folkestone.

Despite the Government's slashing of the council's budget by some £3.5 million over the next two years, arts and culture will still receive a hefty boost with the second Triennial, starting this summer.

The three-yearly festival has put Folkestone on the arts map, with the inaugural event in 2008 leaving permanent works including Nathan Coley's neon sign Heaven Is A Place Where Nothing Ever Happens in Tontine Street, and Kent artist Tracey Emin's seven small bronzes Baby Things scattered about town.

This year sees featured works by acclaimed artists from countries such as Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, India and Brazil, together with the world-renowned Spanish artist Cristina Iglesias and Scottish-born Hew Locke, who is nominated for the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square.

Curator Dr Andrea Schlieker told Yourshepway: "The first Triennial was very much an exhibition that centred on Folkestone itself. It became a kind of polyphonic portrait of the town.

"The next Triennial is called A Million Miles From Home and centres on Folkestone's geographical position as a gateway and a portal and it's much more about bringing the wider world to Folkestone. So whereas the first time we looked in, this time we're looking out."

The circular brick building of Martello 4, which is overgrown with thick vegetation, will be made visible again by Iglesias's sculpture on the tower's ramparts.

A walk-in viewing platform will let people see the tower – built in 1804 to defend the coast from the threat of Napoleonic invasion – and its moat, together with surrounding wildlife.

Folkestone's oldest building, St Mary and St Eanswythe's Church, will have 100 model ships collected from around the world suspended from its ceiling in a work that artist Locke says is inspired by The Royal Navy Hymn by William Whiting.

A former deckchair storage hall under the Leas will be turned into a cinema and a life-size bronze statue of one local woman will be unveiled in the pose of Copenhagen harbour's famous Little Mermaid.

IN ADDITION to the Triennial, which runs from June 25 to September 25, the Folkestone Book Festival based at Quarterhouse makes a return in November. Both are managed by the Creative Foundation, the arts-based charity chaired by former Saga owner Roger De Haan which is regenerating the old town and harbour area.

A striking £2m fish restaurant will also open at Folkestone harbour in time for the Triennial, which will be at the forefront of Sir Terry Farrell's masterplan for the seafront.

A planning application for the first phase of the harbour regeneration, which could see up to 1,000 new homes with shops, restaurants, cyclepaths and footpaths and an enlarged shingle beach, is expected to be submitted this spring or summer.

Elsewhere in the district, a public inquiry into Shepway council's decision to approve the controversial expansion plans for Lydd airport will begin in February.

Government conservation body Natural England had lodged an appeal against the local authority's



NEW GENERATION: Folkestone Triennial returns in 2011, including works by Cristina Iglesias. Dungeness's future will be decided this year.

decision in March last year, when councillors voted 27-12 in favour, overriding both Natural England's advice and that of council officers.

The inquiry, scheduled for six weeks but expected to last considerably longer, will decide the final outcome of the £25m scheme to build a terminal capable of handling 500,000 passengers a year, plus a 444-metre runway extension.

Airport bosses claim it could create up to 500 new jobs on Romney

As the party hangovers fade and we embrace the new year and a fresh set of resolutions, JAMES ALEXANDRE offers a glimpse of what the year ahead could hold for Shepway



Picture: ADY KERRY



HOME MAID: Folkestone's homage to the famous Copenhagen-harbour sculpture

what could lead to a single authority for the two districts.

Councillors met to approve the idea in principle with the aim of making savings and cutting costs, although opponents claim it will make local decision-making more remote and detached.

The two authorities have already agreed to a joint waste and recycling service, provided by Veolia, which is due to start this summer.

The partnership includes introducing a weekly collection of cooked and uncooked food waste from a small caddie; collection of glass and card; fortnightly collection of residual waste from a wheelie-bin; and alternative arrangements for households with no room for wheelie-bins.



SHIPS AHoy: Artist Hew Locke's maritime proposal for St Mary and St Eanswythe's Church

Marsh, but campaigners say a second regional airport in Kent would be underused and unnecessary, and that it would destroy valuable wildlife habitat and pose a risk to Dungeness nuclear power station.

The Government also intends to make a final decision on the future location of a new network of nuclear stations, with Dungeness's fate still in the balance. The Coalition Government has already rejected the site due to concerns about the area's rich natural heritage.

Shepway MP Damian Collins has been lobbying to have the site reinstated, especially since Natural England wants to extend the surrounding conservation area, which would make its views more difficult to overrule.

The existing B reactor is a 1,200-megawatt twin-unit power station that employs more than 500 full-time

staff but is due to be decommissioned by 2018.

Were Dungeness C to be approved, it could create temporary 2,000 jobs during construction and a further 350-450 over a 60-year period.

It would also produce a maximum output of 1,600MW – sufficient for some 2.5 million households.

Parliament is expected to debate and vote on the national policy statement, which will produce the final list of sites, between Monday, January 24,

that if we continue to look at innovative ways of working we can balance our budget without reducing frontline services."

In November, Yourshepway exclusively revealed plans for Shepway and Dover councils to share their chief executive and top management, in the first steps of

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LIFE'S A BEACH: A village green status application with KCC is now the focus of the Fisherman's Beach campaign

Fisherman's Beach hopes dashed by Pickles decision

HOPES of preventing the development of Fisherman's Beach in Hythe have been dashed after the Government decided not to call in Shepway council's decision.

Councillors voted last month in favour of plans to build 62 homes, a fishmongers, a restaurant and eight huts, despite fears over its scale and impact on the area's fishermen, landscape and heritage.

Shortly afterwards, the authority received a directive from Communities Secretary Eric Pickles not to grant planning permission while he considered whether to determine the application himself.

But a letter sent to the council before Christmas states: "The Secretary of State is of the view that intervention would not be justified as there is not sufficient conflict with national policies or any other sufficient reason to warrant calling in this application for his own determination."

Helen Severs, who organised a leafleting campaign against the original proposals, told Yourshepway: "The lifeboat houses on the site were listed in the autumn, well after the developer's flood report and Environment Agency's comments were produced.

"The Environment Agency assumed these buildings were to be demolished and new

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

flats, with flood defences, put in their place. "The entire site was to be raised with more than 12,000 cubic metres of infill to reduce the likelihood of flooding. Now the lifeboat houses are to be retained, the land upon which they stand cannot be raised and there will be no sea defences in front of them."

Mrs Severs said the lifeboat-house land would form a low channel for flood and surface waters to be carried inland, flooding the area behind the site.

She said: "There are boards at the bottom of the lifeboat-house doors to stop the sea coming in. The developer's flood-risk report says the highest point the sea can get to in 100 years is about 15 metres from the doors, but the sea already reaches them at times.

"I'm hoping the Environment Agency can still put some pressure on the council to address these flood issues.

"Shepway will, after all, have to deal with the financial consequences of the flooding for neighbouring properties and they will not be able to get as much money for the site if it is uninsurable."

Campaigners are still hoping a village-green application submitted to Kent County Council will be successful. This would declare the area protected from development.

College staff praised after merger

K COLLEGE principal Bill Fearon has praised staff after Ofsted inspected the college just eight months after its opening.

The education watchdog visited in the first week of December to check on progress since the last inspection of the former South Kent College in 2009.

Mr Fearon said: "The inspectors were anxious to report the distance travelled by the college since the last time they visited SKC, in November 2009.

"The feedback demonstrates that in working together to improve student success, the new college has a great opportunity to support the communities we serve and to become one of the best in the region.

"After such hard work by all staff since the merger in April 2010, it was great to end the year on such an optimistic note. We look forward to further progress in 2011."

Inspectors looked at factors including improving success rates, student progression, the courses offered and effective per-

sonal support for students to help their independence and readiness for work.

The merged South and West Kent Colleges became known as K College from November 2010 after a vote on the name by students.

The college is now geographically the largest in Kent and delivers both further- and higher-education courses for young people, adults and businesses across five towns – Dover, Folkestone, Ashford, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

More than 500 courses are available. The Folkestone campus in Shorncliffe Road has 973 full-time further-education students, 58 higher-education students and 6,534 part-time students.

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Don't spread winter bugs

PEOPLE who feel unwell due to colds, flu or stomach bugs are being asked to think twice before going to A&E or making a doctor's appointment.

Sarah Andrews, the nursing director for NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, said most people who showed such symptoms would get better on their own in a few days.

Antibiotics have no effect on these conditions and will not be prescribed. The advice is to stay at home, keep warm and drink plenty of fluids. This also reduces the risk of spreading germs to others.

People worried about their own condition or that of a friend or relative are asked to phone their GP surgery or call NHS Direct on 0845 4647. Out of hours and over bank holidays they should phone 03000 242424.

This includes anyone whose condition gets worse after a few days, or who is not improving after a week.

Assault witnesses appeal

WITNESSES are being sought after a 60-year-old man was assaulted in Tontine Street, Folkestone.

The victim was with a female friend when a group of young people – five men and two women – allegedly assaulted him outside the Party Bar between 7pm and 7.45pm on Saturday, November 27.

Witnesses are asked to call PC Dale Skelton on the non-emergency number 01622 690690, or email 12909@kent.pnn.police.uk.

Alternatively, phone the free and confidential Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.

Fraudster to repay £30K

A MAN who fraudulently claimed more than £30,000 in housing benefit has been given a suspended sentence.

Mohammed Joomun, 55, of Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, was given a one-year suspended jail term at Canterbury Crown Court on December 20. He will be tagged under curfew from 7pm and 7am for five months and must repay the money.

At an earlier hearing, Joomun admitted 14 counts of dishonestly furnishing benefit claims and false documents to get housing benefit. Joomun had been paid a total of £33,491.11 in benefit.

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Labour: We're on our way back

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

LABOUR members have predicted a party comeback as a result of sweeping Coalition cuts after an election victory at County Hall.

Gordon Cowan beat off political rivals to secure the Dover Town seat at Kent County Council, which became vacant last month following the death of Tory Roger Frayne following a long illness.

Labour group leader Leslie Christie said the victory marked the start of the return of the party after all but two of the 20 seats it held were lost in the 2009 council elections.

"I welcome this victory with great pleasure," he said. "It marks the beginning of the return of the Labour party to holding its traditional seats of power in Kent."

"The result is a clear reaction to the slash and burn policies of the Coalition government, and I look forward to welcoming Cllr Cowan as a member of the county Labour group."

KCC currently has 73 Tory seats, seven Lib Dem, one Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents' Association and now three Labour.

Not a single district or borough council – including Medway's unitary authority – in Kent is Labour-run. And in May's General Election Labour lost its seven remaining seats in parliament, turning the county's political landscape almost completely blue.

But KCC's newest member Cllr Cowan said the party is making its comeback.

"We were thumped in the last elections and ended up with just two seats, which was due to a national issue with allowances," he said.

"But the measures the Coalition is taking



ELECTION VICTORY: New councillor Gordon Cowan

with drastic reductions in local authority funds and the rise in tuition fees is upsetting people, which is seen through the voice of communities and demonstrations. This is the start of our return. People don't like what they see happening at the moment in government.

"It is extremely hard to have a mass of Tory control, but what we are seeing already at KCC is people wanting (leader) Paul Carter to take on the Coalition, for example with the issue of Building Schools for the Future – this was a good way forward for schools.

"We will fight tooth and nail to make sure there is as much forward thinking as possible."

Cllr Cowan vowed to fight the "disastrous"

IN addition to Gordon Cowan's success, two new councillors were installed at December's by-election.

Turnout was as low as 15 per cent as fewer than 4,300 people in total voted in the town, district and county elections.

Although the Conservatives lost a County Hall seat, they did beat their Labour rivals in the Lydden and Temple Ewell ward by-election.

Geoff Lymer was selected with 239 votes, beating Peter Walker of Labour (90 votes) and UKIP's Vic Matcham (55).

Mr Lymer said: "I'm very, very happy.

"What I'm hoping to achieve is basically to try to follow the late Roger Frayne and try to implement a lot of the things he wanted to do for the community. That is basically to do with highways, looking after environmental issues and planning.

"I'm going to take it as it comes and see what they want of me and try to build upon that and hopefully see if

I can achieve a few things."

The Dover Alliance had success at Town Council level, with Georgette Rapley being elected as the new Castle ward representative.

She received 216 votes, beating UKIP's Vic Matcham (73 votes) and Labour's Mick Smith (105).

After her victory, Mrs Rapley said: "I'm surprised I got there, really surprised.

"It means I can do something seriously for Dover because I have the strength of the Alliance behind me to move forward and start having a voice for Dover people.

"It's a very short time because it is only a few months that we have left until the general election, but I want to make a voice in that short period of time, I want people to know I'm straight and what I say is true.

"I'd like to thank the electorate that voted me in and all the members of the Dover Alliance for putting their faith in me – divided we fall, united we stand."

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grant cuts, but admitted it was hard with just three Labour members on the council.

In the battle for the Dover Town seat were Patrick Sherratt for the Tories, who secured 1,348 votes, Victor Matcham for UKIP with 404 and Lib Dem John Trickey with 170. Cllr Cowan won with 1,491 votes.

In October, Labour candidate John Jones stormed to victory in the River ward by-election for Medway Council.

He replaced Tory councillor David Craggs, who resigned two weeks after being elected when it was found there was a conflict of interest between his positions as a special constable and councillor.

Cllr Jones's appointment was seen by local party members as a message from Medway voters of their fears of the impact the coalition Government's spending cuts would have.

During a visit to Kent last month, Labour leader Ed Miliband said the party had an opportunity to rebuild what was lost.

He told Archant KOS Media: "It's about a long engagement with people from Kent and elsewhere about what they want from a renewed Labour Party.

"I want us to win as many seats in Kent as possible at the next election, and I'm confident we will start to regain a foothold with the local council elections next May."

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Q Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A My parents came from Hastingleigh and Appledore and I grew up in Brabourne. I went to Highworth Grammar in Ashford, then studied for a BSc in estate management at Oxford Polytechnic and obtained my Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors qualification while working in London. I'm semi-retired, but don't want to throw my qualifications away by entirely withdrawing from RICS.

Q How did you get involved in Fisherman's Beach?

A I got involved when I discovered the planning application had gone in and no one seemed to know about it. I was also frustrated that public consultations had been held with very few people being aware of them. I decided to print and hand-deliver 600 leaflets to homes. Since then, a group of us has gradually built a huge amount of support.

Q What makes the beach so special?

A It was only when I started living in Hythe six years ago that I discovered it. I'd been coming to Hythe from the age of nine for the swimming club, shopping and the beach further down, but I'd never seen the fishing boats. The beach is an amazing place with traditional fishing and characteristic huts alongside the wilderness of the old gasworks site.

Q What is the significance of the lifeboat houses?

A The Grade II listing of the two lifeboat houses has been a great boost. It means Shepway can't demolish them. The buildings epitomise the maritime history of the town and the fishing families of Hythe. Why the council ever thought they should go beats me.

Q What did you think of the way the decision was made?

A The planning decision was made by the development control committee, but a number of usual members were replaced for the vote that evening by cabinet members. Cabinet members have a financial interest in the development going through. So there is an issue about how independent the process was.

Q What is it you hope to achieve for Fisherman's Beach?

A The council has given itself permission to redevelop the beach with a housing estate. The land was originally purchased for leisure and amenity and that's what we'd like to see.

The site has great potential for tourism and seaside activities, it seems a shame to concrete most of it over and have it effectively privatised. We have a village green application with Kent County Council. As residents have been using this as a right of way for more than 21 years, a developer will not be able to build on it. Shepway will try to refute this, but we have

the law on our side.

Q What do you think of the artistic and cultural life here?

A Hythe has always been a great subject for artists. You get amazing sunsets. Fred Cuming R.A., one of our most famous local artists, used the front lifeboat house as his studio in the 1970s. Why does the council want to destroy somewhere so rare and special?

Q What do you think the future holds for the town?

A Hythe is teetering between becoming a suburb of Folkestone or retaining its individuality. On one hand, the lifeboat houses and the tin tabernacle being listed makes us happy that quaintness remains. On the other, the Sainsbury's and Imperial developments, along with proposals for housing on West Parade, mean we will be engulfed by urban sprawl.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time?

A I garden, make pottery on a wheel and feed my husband – he takes part in running events to burn off the calories.

Q Tell us something people don't know about you.

A I was a Territorial Army officer and used to direct heavy artillery at weekends.

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YOUR LETTERS

We need more brave people to help us

We should all applaud the bravery of PC Ian Clark in his recent actions in Dungeness (lead article December 8) in walking over a steep ice-covered hill through deep snowdrifts.

In years gone by the Romney Marsh Mountain Rescue Team would have been called out but I believe they were disbanded a while ago, as were their counterparts in the Goodwin Sands Potholing Club. Perhaps now is the time for these organisations, who contributed much to local safety, to be re-established?

Paul Seward
Folkestone

Councillor was a dedicated servant

Owing to electoral law it would have been inappropriate for the Town Council to have written to you on the subject of the late Cllr Roger Frayne, prior to the recent by-election.

Now the election is over, the Town Council have requested that I write to you, on this subject, which I am pleased to do.

In the past, I have frequently commented positively about the volunteers, those who care, those who help and those who get involved in the progress of Dover. Cllr Frayne comes high up on that list, having been involved with the community and with local politics, all his adult life.

Following his private funeral, I was pleased that the Town Council was asked to host an event for his admirers, friends and colleagues, to celebrate his life.

The event was packed with those who had benefited from his support and wise counsel. It was gratifying to note that colleagues attended from all political parties, and that at times like this political differences are forgotten.

At December's full Town Council meeting, we held a minute's silence in his memory and in gratitude for the sterling service he has offered to our town.

He will be sadly missed.

Cllr Susan Jones
Mayor of Dover

Nuclear power is not the way forward

Kent Green Party rejects the idea that new nuclear power stations are needed to supply the energy needs of Kent and Medway.

Reducing energy use by improving energy efficiency and insulation is both cost-effective and can create jobs everywhere in Kent.

Increasing the use of safe, renewable technologies including wind, solar, heat pumps and biomass can help to prevent us

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As parents spend a fortune on presents, Gary Wright asks if we're being unfair to children



IT'S NOT often I'm impressed by a TV chef, but Jamie Oliver finally won me over last week.

I confess to a bit of a soft spot for Mr Oliver ever since I wrote a damning article about his father's alleged behaviour toward a woman guest at his hotel.

It was some 10 years ago and as I recall his proud dad – whose hotel in Essex was decorated with books by and pictures of his lisping, over-enthusiastic offspring – had treated a woman guest to a performance worthy of Basil Fawlty.

I'm pleased that the former hyper-active irritant has managed to conquer the States and earn millions, but what earned my respect was his pledge to make his own children work from the age of 10 for a few hours each weekend to learn the value of money.

The man has a point. Most children really do have it too easy and there is little support from parents to make them earn their own cash.

For example, as our economy continues to languish and parents struggle to pay the bills, I saw no evidence of youngsters going without this Christmas.

Shop bosses and internet websites are reporting another boom Christmas and, it seems to me, Santa made sure every child had the bicycle, games console or computer they required even though mum and dad might be struggling to pay the mortgage.

I understand why as parents seek to put right the wrongs of their own childhood. As they have a limit

ed number of Christmases with their children, they see no harm in going that extra mile to ensure their son or daughter gets everything they want.

But what do they want? What do they need? And more importantly, are we simply reinforcing the belief that money comes easily which means a big fall to earth as the teenager turns into an adult?

So Jamie Oliver should be praised for his attempt to ensure his children learn the value of money.

Children should work. They need to know that a £40 computer game will take the average parent five or six hours of work to pay for.

I was listening to someone the other day explaining – or rather making excuses for – their teenage daughter's lack of a job, claiming it was too dangerous or it would interfere with the child's free time.

By making sure their child had everything without needing to work the woman believed she was being a good parent. Unfortunately, it achieves quite the opposite. And worse than that somewhere along the line children lose respect and appreciation for what is done for them and many become, what we would have called when I was a lad, 'spoiled'.

The days of easy credit have disappeared for parents and it's time ridiculous overspending on youngsters disappeared too.

If you really want to prepare your child for life as an adult, the sooner they start learning the value of money and what graft really means, the better.

Well done Jamie Oliver.

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from importing coal, oil and gas in the future.

Kent Green Party urges the public to write to their MPs about Early Day Motion 557. This House of Commons motion, already signed by Green Party Leader Caroline Lucas MP, is calling upon the Government to re-consider its support for nuclear power.

We reject the idea of using higher energy prices to subsidise new nuclear power station building.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority is already getting £1.6 billion a year from the Government; the liabilities of the nuclear industry had already reached an estimated £160bn by 2006.

Kent Green Party believe that a substantial number of useful jobs can be created to improve our energy use in Kent.

Investing in yesterday's polluting solutions to today's problems will not help.

Kent Green Party

Your crucial support in meningitis battle

Meningitis UK would like to thank everyone who supported us throughout 2010 – a year which saw exciting advances in the fight against meningitis. We have been amazed by people's generosity and dedication despite the stresses and strains of the credit crunch. Money raised has supported research projects being carried out at universities throughout the country, all

with the aim of wiping out meningitis through developing vaccines.

Despite great advances in the last 20 years with vaccines for meningitis C, Hib and pneumococcal meningitis, there is still no vaccine for meningitis B – the most common form of the disease in the UK. Six families lose a loved one to the brain bug each week. Our Search 4 a Vaccine Campaign aims to raise £7 million to fund lifesaving research into eradicating all forms of meningitis. The '4' signifies the devastating fact that meningitis can kill in under four hours.

We also distribute a range of material to raise awareness of the common symptoms and the need to act quickly, which can mean the difference between life and death.

To support Search 4 a Vaccine, call Meningitis UK (0117 373 7373) or visit www.meningitisUK.org.

Steve Dayman, chief executive, Meningitis UK

Warning sign of the ringing in your ears

It is my pleasure to again support the British Tinnitus Association's Tinnitus Awareness Week campaign, from February 4-11.

As someone who's experienced tinnitus for a decade now, I am passionate about the need to increase awareness of this debilitating condition and strongly support the charity's efforts.

As a professional musician, DJ, producer and radio presenter it goes without saying that I love

music. Blasting my eardrums with loud music was what I lived for for many years, and the ringing in my ears I experienced afterwards – which I often thought of as a sign of a brilliant night – was always something that went away after a day or so. But it was about ten years ago that the high-pitched tone in my ears failed to go away. It became a permanent noise and one which I later learnt was tinnitus.

As well as knowing first-hand how hard it can be to cope with the constant high-pitched noise, I also know countless DJs, musicians and music lovers who are affected by tinnitus as a result of exposure to loud music. While we are all now aware of the dangers and take precautions, such as using specialist earplugs to reduce the impact of loud music and prevent further hearing damage, ultimately we are resigned to a life with tinnitus. So are many thousands of others who make up the ten per cent of the UK's population who experience tinnitus. It is a travesty to think that so many of these cases could have been prevented through better awareness.

It is crucial that music lovers should be encouraged to continue enjoying music, but that they should also be better informed about how to protect their hearing. Working with the BTA, and with the support of many of those friends and colleagues with tinnitus, I want to spread the message about the importance of protecting your ears when attending gigs and when listening

to loud music. The long-term hearing health of the nation is at stake and I am making it my priority to do all I can to support the BTA in its aim to raise better tinnitus awareness.

Wearing hearing protection needn't kill the music. Good earplugs simply decrease the music volume without affecting fidelity and in turn prevent hearing damage. I continue to fuel my passion for music but now do so without risking further damage. I carry my hearing protection everywhere and, as a result, feel healthier and happier, and find my sleep is no longer disrupted by my tinnitus.

Tinnitus is not just a clubbers' affliction. People with a passion for classical music or opera who attend live concerts or who listen to loud music at home are just as likely to experience tinnitus as those who favour nightclubs. Tinnitus does not discriminate and it could potentially affect you or someone you know.

Please support the BTA's Tinnitus Awareness campaign. The BTA operates a free helpline (0800 018 0527) used by thousands each year, but as the charity receives no Government funding this, and its other support services, are only available thanks to donations and legacies. Help to spread the word about tinnitus and the BTA and, if you can, donate to help fund the provision of tinnitus information and advice, and to help fund clinical research into a cure. Without the support services provided by the BTA, thousands of people would be without the information and friendly advice that is often a lifeline and a source of great comfort.

Eddy Temple-Morris,
XFM London producer and presenter

Demolish outrageous tax on rural business

The Government's decision not to extend business rates relief on empty business properties will hit the rural economy hard and could encourage demolition rather than investment.

Small to medium-sized businesses in the rural sector make a crucial contribution to the economy and the Government is unjustified in making landlords pay tax on all empty properties with a rateable value of more than £2,600. Currently, rates are only payable where the rateable value exceeds £18,000 on any empty property. This is an outrageous tax. Applying non-domestic rates to empty property is a disincentive to investment for providing and improving rural business premises to let. It is more likely to encourage demolition and other actions to make buildings unusable to avoid the tax. The supply of rural business space is essential for a business-led economic recovery. Penalising landlords in this way is counter-productive.

The Country Land and Business Association (CLA) would like to see empty property relief from rates extended indefinitely to all business premises where broadband is not available – rural premises without broadband do not attract tenants.

Rupert Ashby, CLA regional director

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MARSH MEMORIES: From left to right, church remains from Eastbridge village; Ogarswick – mentioned in a census of 1851 – is remembered only by a solitary cross in the grounds of a farmhouse; and church remains from the village of Hope

New atlas resurrects forgotten, ancient Romney Marsh villages

■ BY NICK AMES

DETAILS of lost villages are set to be published in a new atlas of Britain – the first comprehensive volume of its type to be published in 40 years.

The Times Atlas of Britain will show how the country has changed over the years so forgotten settlements will be included in its pages.

Among the settlements lost in time are several on Romney Marsh – abandoned because of the Black Death, outbreaks of malaria or unfertile soil.

Others were left by inhabitants because of the threat of invasion or raiding parties from the continent.

Jethro Lennox, editor of the book, said: "While compiling the first comprehensive atlas of its type to be published in the UK in over 40 years, we were not only interested in how the United Kingdom has changed geographically over time but the implications for the residents of our islands."

Malaria

Malaria was a problem on Romney Marsh from around 1500 to the mid-18th century because of mosquitoes living in pools of stagnant water.

Lost villages have been identified by parish and court records, where, for several, the only

surviving evidence are the walls of ruined churches.

Meanwhile Ogarswick – mentioned in a census of 1851 – is remembered only by a solitary cross in the grounds of a farmhouse.

All that is left of the village of Hope is the remains of its church – sited in one of the bleakest and loneliest parts of the marsh.

The 12th century ruins mark the centre of a settlement which was abandoned by most of its population because of the plague, although some lingered on for another couple of centuries.

Historic documents say a manor house and parsonage once existed and according to church records the bells of the ruin were taken to New Romney.

The site is near to that which is reputedly the site of a battle involving King Arthur.

A priest named Layamon compiled a history of Britain written in the 13th century, in which he describes a battle between King Arthur's men and those of Mordred at Old Romney.

Eastbridge is the name of a road leading across the marsh from Dymchurch, but it was once a village.

Flooded

Now all that remains is part of a church tower, accessible through a small wood.

Records say there was once a small population of just over 20 people living locally and it is also mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1087.

Broomhill is just a scattering of stones after it was flooded by a huge storm in 1287 with much loss of life while Blackmanstone is just a bridge.

Pride of Dover docks for good after 20 years' service

THE Pride of Dover docked for the final time last month after crossing the channel for more than 20 years.

Staff at the company marked the end of an era when the ship made its final return sailing from Dover at 11.55pm on Tuesday, December 14.

Among the crew were members of staff who collected the ship from Bremerhaven, Germany, when it was launched in 1986, including Nigel Davies, operations manager and Simon Johnston, customer services manager.

Mr Davies said: "The Pride of Dover is one of the most successful cross-Channel ferries ever and has carried getting on for 35 million passengers in her time."

"We've all got some great memories of working on her but now we're looking to the future and the exciting arrival of our new ships next year."

The Pride of Dover was launched on September 20, 1986, and first entered service on the Dover-Calais route under the command of Captain John Martin, now retired, on June 2, 1987.

Her sister ship, the Pride of Calais, shortly followed her into service on the cross-channel sailings.

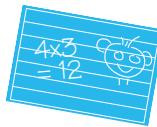
The pair cost £85 million and were, at the time, the largest ferries to operate on the Dover Strait.

The Pride of Dover's replacement ship, the Spirit of Britain, will be entering service in January 2011 and is the first of two super ferries being delivered to P&O.

The Spirit of France is due to enter service in September 2011 and the duo represent an investment of more than £330 million for the ferry operator and will be the largest ever ferries to operate on the cross-channel route.



OUT OF SERVICE: Pride of Dover made its last cross-Channel voyage on December 14 to be replaced by a new ferry



BREAK TIME



FUNDRAISERS: Northbourne Pre-Prep School

Christmas is a time of giving for pupils

A PRE-PREP school shared the Christmas spirit by raising funds for a local charity.

The Northbourne Pre-Prep school in Deal collected donations from pupils and parents to go to the Martha Trust, which helps to provide lifelong residential and respite care for people with profound and multiple disabilities.

The school selected the Martha Trust to benefit from its Christmas collection, which began with a letter to the children's parents describing the work of the charity.

The pupils at Northbourne then decorated an envelope, threaded it with ribbon and enclosed a donation before returning to the school.

Each individually-designed envelope was then hanged on the school's Christmas tree until the end of term, when all the donations were passed to the charity.

Julia Exley, head of pre-prep school, said: "We have a long-established relationship with Martha, whose homes in Hacklinge Lane, Deal, are just a stone's throw away from us."

Martha was given a double boost as the prep school at Northbourne also supported it with collections at its Christmas fair and concert.

War time tunnels open up the past to film students

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

POTENTIAL film stars and directors from Dover Grammar School for Girls have re-created iconic scenes from the Second World War.

Year 8 pupils from the school were given special access to the Secret War Time tunnels at Dover Castle to shoot their movie.

Working in partnership with English Heritage, the history students were granted access to areas of the secret war time tunnels that is off limits to the general public.

The short film re-created a scene from the Second World War where messages were relayed from the frontline through to the communication teams that would have been working in the tunnels.

Stop-frame animation was integrated into the film to show the action that would have been taking place on the operations room plotting table.

The plasticine animations recreate the frontline action both in the air and on the oceans.

The idea behind the movie was dreamt up by the head of the art department, Trudie Beanie.

Mrs Beanie said: "It came up by chance really. I had a dream of the scene where the girl's got splashed by water and then I ended up writing a script.

"We filmed part of it at the tunnels in the castle and also recorded the animation at studios in the school.

"We wanted to address the fact that history and war is seen as a boys' thing. We wanted to make it accessible to the girls and show them



TUNNEL VISION: Dover Grammar School for Girls' pupils watch their creation on the big screen in Dover's Market Square

how crucial young women were. Girls not much older than these students would have been working in the tunnels during the war."

Head of History Mrs Swainston said: "The girls got to do some of the filming themselves but were supervised by professionals who have done work for the BBC.

"We are very grateful to English Heritage because these projects are expensive and would not be covered under a normal school budget.

"To be able to give the students this type of experience we are totally dependant on grants and thankfully English Heritage has been able to help us out."

South East education manager for English Heritage Fran Lashmar said: "The war table animation is part of our ongoing partnership with local schools.

"English Heritage is always happy to facilitate these type of projects and I got to work with very talented people.

"The girls were very enthusiastic and got to work with students from other colleges who did their hair and make-up.

"They also got to use parts of the tunnels that are not open to the general public on the tours."

Watch the film, at <http://dggs.kent-sch.uk/#/war-table/4545944629>.

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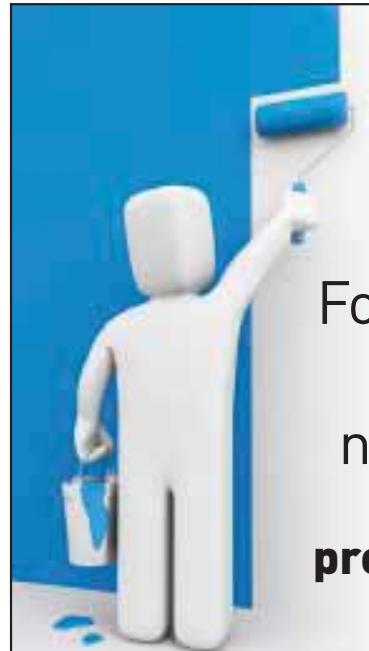


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DAY & NIGHT

Get your dabbers out

EYES down for bingo sessions on the isle of Thanet.

Birchington Bowls Club will be holding a new bingo club every Friday afternoon, from January 14.

There will be prizes and refreshments on offer for a small fee.

All are welcome at the club's pavilion in Beach Road, Birchington, from 2.30pm onwards.

Dramatic identity crisis

SHUT Your Eyes And Think Of England is East Kent Productions' rib-tickling British farce full of gags and an impenetrable maze of confused identities and situations at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate.

It is being held from February 16-19. For tickets (£9.50) call the box office on 01843 591750. Performances are at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Shell out for workshop

A DROP-IN craft activity session takes place in Herne Bay on Saturday, January 22.

Shell Art lasts from 10am to 12.30pm

Be inspired by the shell-encrusted beach hut in the current exhibition and make a shell picture to take home to remember the occasion.

Entry to the workshop, which is suitable for all ages, is 50p.

Parading for the year

THE Margate Christmas lights switch on was cancelled due to snow in December, so instead a parade will be held in the town with a samba band to celebrate the new year by the Margate Charter Trustees.

Admission is free and the fun gets under way on January 7, from 5pm to 7pm in Margate town centre.

Come and see the genie

STAPLEHURST Drama Society Present the much-loved traditional pantomime Aladdin at the Sinden Theatre in Tenterden.

The show takes place at 7.30pm on January 8. Ticket information will be available at www.sindentheatre.com.

Folk are a talented trio

FAVERSHAM Folk Club present the Sally Ironmonger Trio made up of Sally Ironmonger, Brian Carter and Shaun Murray on January 12 at 7.30pm.

They will be playing music from new album Sitting Pretty.

Entry to the Chimney Boy venue is £6, or £7 for non members. Call 01795 534368 to book or for more details.

Festive laughs for all

A FAMILY pantomime is still playing in Folkestone.

A production of Aladdin is on at the Leas Cliff Hall until January 23.

The hero takes on the evil Abanazar with help from the genie of the lamp.

Tickets range from £13 plus booking fee, from www.leascliffhall.org.uk or by calling 0844 847 1776.

The art of recovery

GLENN FITZPATRICK

Wednesday, January 12,
Horsebridge Centre, Whitstable



FORMER soldier Glenn Fitzpatrick has used his experience of war to produce a unique collection of artwork.

Drawing inspiration from his time as an ambulance driver in the first Gulf War, when coalition forces removed the invading Iraqis from Kuwait, the drawings and sculptures which form Symbols of Society are a powerful reminder that, for many veterans of combat, reintegration into normal life is not an easy transition.

Glenn – or “Fitz” as he is known in both the military and art worlds – suffered from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder on his return to civilian life and he works to raise funds for sufferers of combat stress as well as Help for Heroes.

Deployed as a driver of a converted Armoured Personnel Carrier which was tasked with taking medics into firefights, Glenn was in the Saudi desert in 1990 with war just weeks away.

“I was in the Queen’s Royal Irish Hussars, a tank regiment, aged just 18 and one of the youngest troopers there,” he said.

“It was Christmas and I decided to go to a Mass, I was bought up a Catholic and always retained some sort of core belief.

“Going to a service wasn’t something I’d normally do, however.

“But when a couple of carols were being sung I was fighting back the tears.

“I was missing my family but I didn’t want anyone to see, after all we are all supposed to be men of steel.”

Glenn wanted to find an outlet in the trepidation of days leading up to a war he knew was inevitable.

“You don’t bring all that armour out into one place for nothing,” he said.

So he decided to draw characters from cartoon magazine Viz on his comrades’ tanks.

“It was good for morale – comedy goes a long way,” said Glenn. “Everyone wanted a drawing of Roger Mellie or another favourite, like Johnny Fartpants.

“I started to get known and met people across the different ranks.

“They started saying they felt I had some talent and should go to art school. So I said to myself if I get out of here I will.”



During the period of combat with Iraqi forces – defeated on the ground in 100 hours – he found himself and his ambulance much in demand.

“We were under fire from tanks trying to get to casualties,” he said. “One time there was a wounded Iraqi – he’d been hit maybe six times. The medics ran out to treat him while I ran round the perimeter laying down covering fire.

“Sometimes in The Army it can be a fairly dormant life. But in combat the adrenalin and training kicks in and you act on instinct. It’s a

relief the waiting is over, to be honest.”

After his time in the service: “I signed on for the minimum – three years – but never expected a war,” he decided to pursue his interest in art, attending what is now University College of Art, in his home city of Canterbury.

His talent was recognized as he left with a Master’s Degree.

“I intend my work to make a statement,” Glenn said. “I don’t wear my medal anymore, even though I am proud of what we achieved – liberating Kuwait.

“Instead I want people to make up their own minds. One of my pieces shows a bayonet attached to a petrol pump.

“I’ve just called it 24862593, that was my Army number. You can be brutal about it and say it was a war for oil but I like to leave it open to interpretation.”

On Wednesday, January 12, an exhibition of Glenn’s work is being staged at the Horsebridge Centre, Whitstable.

It is free to visitors and runs until the following Tuesday.

A further event is planned for April in Margate and the artist is currently talking to galleries about taking it further afield.

“I was lucky,” he said. “After being a soldier I had something to fall back on. Others haven’t got that.”

“Those who put their life on the line deserve and chance to find their true talents, so I believe free education for former servicemen and women is a right they should be able to take up.”



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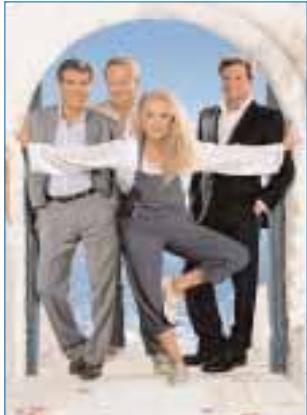
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AN EVENING WITH REV'D CANON CONDRY

Monday, January 17, Canterbury Cathedral Lodge



A FUNDRAISING adventure evening is to be held at the cathedral this January.

The cathedral's canon treasurer, Canon Condry will welcome participants to the auditorium of cathedral lodge to help raise money for Canterbury Gift, the cathedral conservation charity.

The event takes place at 6.15pm and will be a light-hearted look at the activities of The Revd Dr Edward Condry.

For four consecutive years he has taken part in a sporting challenge of some sort in order to help raise much-needed funds for worthwhile charities.

In 2007 he cycled the Via Francigena, 1,200 miles from Canterbury to Rome and successfully raised £145,000 for the cathedral and other charities.

In 2008 and 2009 he took to

the water to raise money for the cathedral and cancer charity Odyssey and rowed across the English Channel and the complete length of the Thames from Gloucestershire to London in an eight-oared shallop.

In 2010 he cycled 900 miles in six days as he took on The Race against Time, the fastest group ride of the famous Lands End to John O'Groats route, the ride successfully raised £15,000 for the Bishop Simeon Trust.

The dedicated man has more planned for 2011.

The evening will include refreshments, notably a wine and fine cheese board.

Tickets for the evening are priced at £15.

To book call on 01227 464764 or alternatively email tickets@thecanterburygift.com.

STARTER FOR TEN NEW WRITERS' SHOWCASE

Friday and Saturday, January 14-15, Theatre Royal, Margate



TWO evenings of drama from ten new south east writers will make this an interesting two nights at the Theatre Royal in Margate.

Each writer was commissioned to write a ten minute piece of theatre, which will be performed by a small, professional cast.

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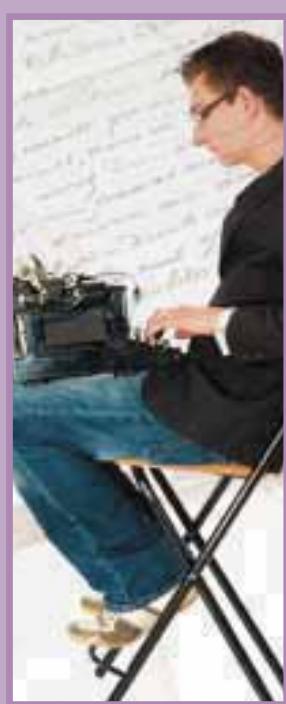
The show is designed to entertain, challenge and inspire.

Each evening will include a post-show talk from people involved in the world of theater and writing.

A theatre spokesman said: "It will be a fascinating and very interesting night, to see what the writers have come up with. Many of them are local and could be the next big writing stars of the future."

Tickets for both nights cost £10 each or £7.50 for friends of the theatre members.

To book your ticket call 0845 1301786, or visit the website www.theatreroyal.com.



STEPHEN K AMOS

Tuesday, January 18, The Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



STEPHEN K Amos' star is rising fast and burning bright. The comedian has recently been starring in his own self-titled TV show on BBC Two and is seen as one of the brightest new stars in the comedy firmament.

He brings his show to Kent in January, with his The Best Medicine Tour.

Stephen turned to comedy 15 years ago but never thought he'd make a career and a living out of it.

He said: "I was studying law at the time but decided I'd try my hand at stand-up and simply haven't stopped. It was never part of my plan to live this life. I wanted to be a lawyer and see where that took me.

"I'd never tried stand-up before, or any comedy and never been to a comedy club, so to me it was like a totally new medium. I just took the attitude from the start that it was all about having fun on stage and not being too fearful of it."

Stephen believes comedy is having a real renaissance at the moment.

"It's absolutely going through a boom time. That's got to be a good thing. I think we've all had enough of the celebrity chefs!"

The night gets under way at 7.45pm. Tickets for the show are £13 and available by calling 01227 769075. You can also book online at www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian. Over 16s only.



PRIVATE WIDDLE SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday, January 22, Astor Theatre, Deal



EVEN the hardest nosed cynic will raise a smile at the musical stylings of the Ukelele Gangsters.

With songs about Skodas and other high-jinx in their box of tricks, the band evoke memories of acts like comedy rappers Goldie Lookin' Chain and others.

They will be joined by twee tunesmiths The Momeraths, pictured, who peddle a galloping brand of retro pop rock that features strong harmonies and dreamy lyrics.

The Astor's increasing reputation for excellent live music is only boosted by evenings like this, so join in the winter fun.

There will also be comedy cabaret with Paul Foot, who will keep the laughs coming and a brilliant Barber Shop Quartet, Skinny Lister and a cat organ... With Private Widdle's resident hostesses, Helles Belles for tattoos, dancing and raffle.

It's a real mixed bag of entertainment, but what more could a person want from a night out in good ol' Deal?

The evening gets under way at 8pm and the venue has a fully licensed bar. Tickets are £12, but book fast as they go quick. To get yours drop into the Soundhouse in the High Street. Visit www.theastor.org for more information.

SKINS TOUR

Saturday, January 22, Liquid and Envy, Ashford



THE massive hit TV show comes to the stage, with a tour launched in the wake of its success.

As a new cast gears up to start a new series, the show's famous association with hot new music will go on the road to venues around the country.

Eight venues have been chosen, with the Ashford event taking place at the Liquid and Envy nightclub.

Music comes from Devlin, a 21-year-old grime and hip hop MC from Dagenham and part of the OT Crew and the Movement.

His debut album, Blood Sweat and Beers was released in November and he has had chart hits with singles Brainwashed and Runaway. His next single, Let it Go, will be out soon.

Backing that up will be a DJ set from Yasmin, who runs the Bad Intentions club nights in London and has worked with Devlin in the past.

New cast member Alexander Armstrong will make a personal appearance at the gig, as Ashford is his home town.

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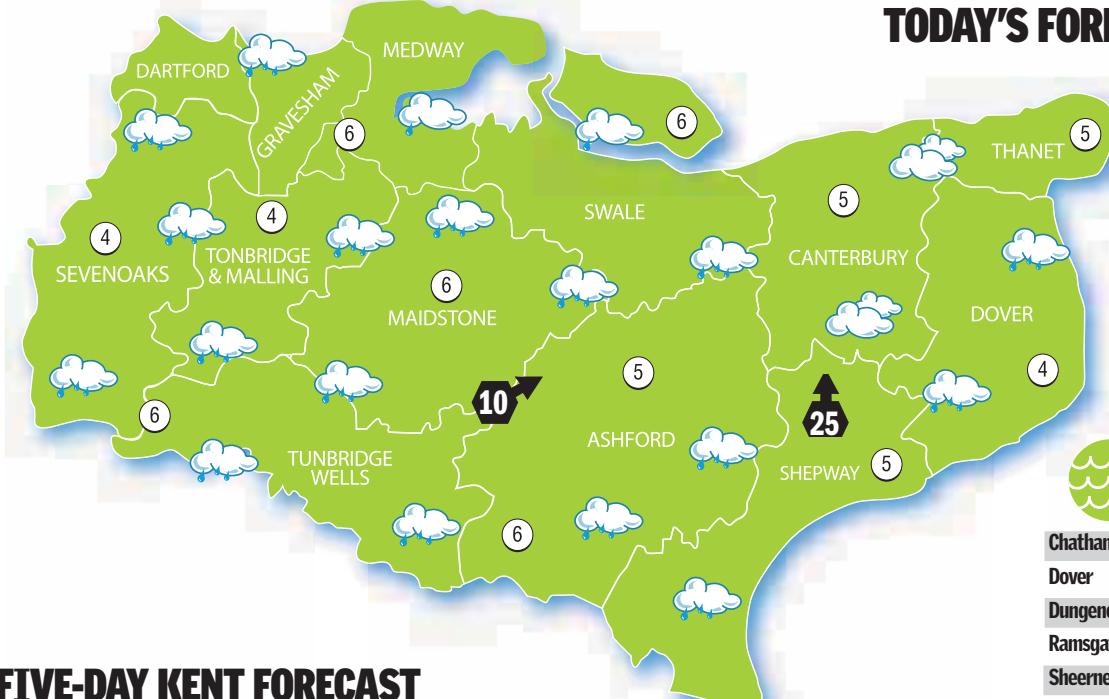
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Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	2°C
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						Maidstone	5°C	6°C	6°C	7°C	8°C
						Ramsgate	4°C	5°C	6°C	8°C	7°C
						Rochester	5°C	6°C	6°C	9°C	7°C

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Chatham	Saturday	3:16pm 5.8m	Sunday	3:49pm 5.6m
Dover	Saturday	1:23pm 6.2m	Sunday	1:58pm 6.1m
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Ramsgate	Saturday	1:53pm 4.8m	Sunday	2:28pm 4.6m
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A year of films to engage your brain

■ BY DAMON SMITH

ORIGINALITY has been a very rare commodity on the big screen this year.

It's no surprise that in a summer cluttered with remakes Christopher Nolan's mind-bending thriller *Inception* stood out from the crowd, asking us to unravel layer upon layer of mystery in a world of fractured dreams.

The rest of the summer was largely forgettable, punctuated by abysmal revamps of *A Nightmare On Elm Street* and *Clash Of The Titans*, the latter inducing headaches with its shoddily executed 3D.

Thankfully, Will Smith's son Jaden kicked his way into our affections in the new *Karate Kid* opposite Jackie Chan in heartbreakingly form as the sensei haunted by tragedy.

Intentional laughter was in short supply, especially from homegrown film-makers. *The Infidel* and *Burke & Hare* were hopelessly misconceived, while Ricky Gervais didn't impress with *Cemetery Junction*.

David Fincher's history lesson about Facebook, *The Social Network*, was a triumph of directorial brio over emotion, and paled next to the low budget documentary *Catfish* on the very same topic.

It was a vintage year for animated feature films though – three are recognised in our top 10 – whether it was hand drawn (*The Illusionist*), computer animated (*Despicable Me*, *Megamind*), stop-motion (*A Town Called Panic*) or Disney's first ever African-American princess kissing a frog.

While many people expected Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 to sweep all before it at the box office, 2010 belonged not to the young wizards from Hogwarts but the computer animated wizards at Pixar, who took us to infinity and beyond one last time...

1. Toy Story 3 (released July 19)

For the first time, the highest grossing film at the UK box office is also the finest feature of the past 12 months, proving that quality can walk hand-in-hand with mainstream appeal.

The animators at Pixar bid a tearful farewell to the denizens of Andy's toy chest with a brilliantly paced escape from the seemingly idyllic Sunnyside day care centre and its strawberry-fragranced despot, Lots-o'-Huggin' Bear.

Director Lee Unkrich doesn't strike a single false note, from the breathless opening sequence to a heartbreakingly finale that reduces grown men to gibbering wrecks.

2. Lebanon (May 14)

Shot from the perspective of a four-strong team of men within a rattling, battle-scarred tank during the First Lebanon War, Samuel Maoz's bravura depiction of war is a master class in sustained tension.

The heat in the claustrophobic confines of

MASTERPIECES:

Colin Firth is George in *A Single Man*, below Lots-o'-Huggin' Bear, Rex, Mrs. Potato Head, Bullseye, Mr. Potato Head, Jessie, Woody, Hamm, Buzz Lightyear, Slinky Dog, Barbie and Ken star in *Toy Story 3*



the tank is stifling as the actors put themselves through the emotional wringer to portray men living on frayed nerves. Stunning, naturalistic performances leave us gasping for breath, praying desperately for an end to the bloodshed.

3. Winter's Bone (September 17)

Debra Granik's bleak character study begs obvious comparisons with *Frozen River*, dealing with a tenacious female protagonist who must risk everything to rescue her fractured family from the brink of financial ruin.

Twenty-year-old Jennifer Lawrence could become the youngest winner of the Oscar for her tour-de-force lead performance as teenager Ree, who has been left in charge of her siblings while their wastrel father skips bail.

Lawrence is mesmerising, weathering each emotional body blow with courage far beyond her years. Granik eschews sentimentality at every turn, leaving us to wince in horror as Ree's search reaches a nerve-racking climax.

4. The Kids Are All Right (October 29)

Lisa Cholodenko's bittersweet and touching comedy is blessed with arguably the finest ensemble cast of the year, led by Annette

Bening and Julianne Moore in dazzling and Oscar-worthy form as lesbian couple Nic and Jules, whose carefully ordered life goes into tailspin when their teenage children secretly make contact with their sperm donor father.

Cholodenko's script, co-written by Stuart Blumberg, is razor sharp and her dissection of the tensions between the family members is painfully funny.

5. A Single Man (February 12)

Colin Firth should have won an Academy Award for his stunning portrayal of a gay professor torn apart by grief.

In Tom Ford's directorial debut, he is utterly fearless as 1960s English professor George, who contemplates suicide rather than live another day with the loss of his soul mate.

Fashion designer Ford recreates the mood of the era with the same attention to detail that he brings to his menswear collections.

6. Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire (January 29)

Lee Daniels' harrowing account of a 16-year-old girl coming of age in a violent and abusive household in 1980s Harlem is not for the faint of heart, punctuated by scenes of cruelty that make your blood run cold.

Yet, no matter how much we want to turn away from the screen in horror, the incredible resolve of our heroine keeps us willing her on.

7. Dogtooth (April 23)

Yorgos Lanthimos' disturbing film is undoubtedly an acquired taste, but once you succumb to the Greek's fiercely original and daring vision, *Dogtooth* lingers in the memory.

The story unfolds in a secluded compound where a middle-aged father and mother raise their grown-up son and two daughters in a bubble of childhood innocence.

The adults reward good deeds with stickers and even convince the youngsters that cats are man-eating beasties. When father invites work colleague Christina into the compound to sate his son's sexuality, the balance of power shifts with shocking consequences.

8. Mary & Max (October 22)

Writer-director Adam Elliot's extraordinary stop-motion animated comedy chronicles an unlikely long distance friendship that helps two lost souls find hope.

Recounted with biting wit by narrator Barry Humphreys, the film introduces Mary Dinkle, an alienated Australian girl who becomes a pen pal to New York malcontent Max Horowitz.

Elliot's script is littered with droll one-liners, but the laughter never detracts from the uncomfortable honesty of the characters' stories, which draw them together in their darkest hours of loneliness and despair.

9. How to Train Your Dragon (March 31)

Dean DeBlois and Chris Sanders' computer animated fantasy explores the bond between a misunderstood boy and a supposedly fearsome dragon, based on the book by Cressida Cowell.

It's a familiar rites of passage story but the directors enliven the narrative with gorgeous visuals, vertiginous flying sequences that are nothing short of breathtaking in 3D, and hysterical comic interludes.

Jay Baruchel milks every ounce of our sympathy as the weedy hero, a young Viking called Hiccup, who finds a kindred spirit in an injured dragon called Toothless. The relationship between man and beast is at the beating heart of the film.

10. The Millennium Trilogy (March 12/August 27/November 26)

Swedish actress Noomi Rapace exploded into public consciousness as computer hacker Lisbeth Salander in the hard-hitting film versions of Stieg Larsson's best-selling novels.

Director Niels Arden Oplev lit the fuse at the beginning of the year with *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*, dispatching Lisbeth and her partner in crime-fighting, journalist Mikael Blomkvist, on a search for a missing girl.

Their investigations continued in the next two films, both directed by Daniel Alfredson. Punctuated by scenes of gruesome and graphic violence, the Millennium trilogy is a milestone in modern Scandinavian cinema.



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Antara bouncing back with a sharp makeover

THERE was nothing much wrong with the Vauxhall Antara until you saw the price – from nearly £23,000.

It made you look too hard for flaws rather than at how smart and well made this SUV (sports utility vehicle) was.

But a revitalised Antara goes on sale in January from under £20,000, with sharper looks inside and out and a choice of two newer and better diesel engines.

The price cut is not all it seems though – the entry model has front-wheel drive rather than 4x4.



Premium upgrades add touch of class for Saab

SAAB has announced premium upgrades to Vector SE versions of its smart new 9-5 executive saloon.

The Swedish marque now offers these models with leather seats as standard, and, mindful of the need to rebuild its aura in the tough executive sector, has ditched the slightly underwhelming 17-inch alloys in favour of 18-inchers that suit the car's looks better.

All 2.0-litre TiD 160PS (158bhp) diesel models with manual transmission also now get a revised comfort chassis set-up.



PACKING A PUNCH: Mercedes' impressive C-Class Estate has a blend of good handling and ride quality – something rival manufacturers can match on the first, but not the latter

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MERCEDES-BENZ created the upmarket German estate car sector with the venerable W123 (1976-1985) – forerunner to the E-Class model dynasty.

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Then there is the latest C-Class blend of good handling and ride quality – its obvious rivals deliver on the first, but cannot match the latter.

And virtually the whole estate range has eco-friendly credentials, which M-B labels BlueEfficiency – a series of tweaks to save fuel and emissions including low rolling resistance tyres, aerodynamic tucks and revised powertrains. Unlike some carmakers, the 'greening' has not been reflected by higher prices though.

In fact, though I was highly impressed with

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■ BY STEVE LOADER

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the C250 CDI Sport auto model as tested, I was rather taken aback by the £33,105 pricing.

Nevertheless, I can imagine someone being seduced by the car's easy capability and class and second-hand values are robust, so you would get lots of your investment back.

The 200bhp 2,143cc four-cylinder diesel engine is smooth and the five-speed automatic gearbox seamless; there is enough power here to enjoy the balanced rear-wheel drive chassis that runs the BMW 3-Series close for handling and driving enjoyment.

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£8750, Ashford, 0844 826 5918
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**A3, Sport (Plus Motoparks Pack and
Delivery), 2006, abs brakes alloy
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windows immobiliser multiple airbags
power steering single cd player
remote central locking, blue, 35000
miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826
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satellite navigation, remote central
locking, colour coded body, metallic
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drivers airbag electronic windows full
power steering twin airbags
adjustable steering column, pearl
black, 15782 miles, £5000,
Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)**

**MATIZ, 1.0 FLAIR 5dr CHOICE OF 5,
2008, abs brakes air conditioning
central locking electric windows full
service history immobiliser metallic
paint multiple airbags power steering
trip computer quickclear windscreens
body coloured bumpers, silver, 25661
miles, £3995, Ashford, 0844 826
5918 (TRADE)**

**TACUMA, 2.0 CDX Auto, 2007, abs
brakes air con alloy wheels automatic
transmission cd player immobiliser
metallic paint multiple airbags power
steering front passenger air bag
deactivation switch remote central
locking isofix child seat points, body
coloured bumpers, height adjustable
drivers seat, audio remote control,
bosu nova white metallic, 2575
miles, £13500, Tunbridge Wells, 01892
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**BRAVO, 1.4 T-JET ACTIVE, 2007, abs
brakes air conditioning cd player
electric windows immobiliser metallic
paint multiple airbags power steering
split folding rear seats tonneau cover
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deactivation switch remote central
locking, black, 11179 miles, £7000,
Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)**

**DUCATO 33 MWB, 2010, abs
brakes cd player central locking
drivers airbag electric windows
immobiliser, white, 13033 miles,
£12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918
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**FIORINO, 1.3 Cargo, 2010, abs
brakes drivers airbag multiple airbags
power steering trip computer
adjustable steering column, blue,
4000 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844
856 4496 (TRADE)**

**GRANDE PUNTO, 2006, cd player
electric windows immobiliser power
steering tonneau cover trip computer
twin airbags front passenger air bag
deactivation switch remote central
locking remote audio controls, rock n
roll blue, 13000 miles, £5000,
Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)**

**SEDONA, CRDI TS, 2007, abs brakes
air con alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic
cd player cruise control diesel electric
windows front fog lights heated seats
immobiliser metallic paint power
steering traction control trip computer
remote central locking isofix child
seat points remote audio controls,
black metallic, 17000 miles, £12500,
Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)**

**SORENTO, 2.5 CRD XS, 2006, 4x4
abs brakes air conditioning fitted alloy
wheels cd player central locking
diesel drivers airbag, black and silver,
41458 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844
826 5918 (TRADE)**

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**LACETTI, LEGANZA CDX AT, 2000, abs
brakes air conditioning alarm fitted
alloy wheels immobiliser, blue, 55
miles, £15000, Ashford, 0844 826
5918 (TRADE)**

**PANDA, Dynamic, 2005, abs brakes
cd player drivers airbag electric
windows immobiliser power steering
remote central locking, turquoise,
32527 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844
826 5918 (TRADE)**

HONDA

**ACCORD, i-VTEC Executive, 2004, abs
brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels
central locking cruise control drivers
airbag electric windows immobiliser
multiple airbags power steering,
silver, 75800 miles, £5000,
Canterbury, 0844 856 4494
(TRADE)**

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**500, 1.2 Lounge 3dr Hatch, 1090w, pas,
abs, remote central locking, front
electric windows, radio/cd, side
airbags, electric door mirrors, drivers
airbag, space saver spare wheel,
isofix child seat anchor points, body
coloured bumpers, height adjustable
drivers seat, audio remote control,
bosu nova white metallic, 22000
miles, £13500, Ashford, 0844 826
5918 (TRADE)**

**FR-V, SE, 2005, abs brakes air
conditioning cd player central locking
full service history immobiliser power
steering remote central locking, blue,
35202 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844
856 4496 (TRADE)**

KIA

**PICANTO, 1.1 ICE, 2008, central
locking electric windows immobiliser
metallic paint power steering twin
airbags remote central locking, ice
blue, 7500 miles, £6000, Canterbury,
0844 856 4494 (TRADE)**

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cd player cruise control diesel electric
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steering traction control trip computer
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black metallic, 17000 miles, £12500,
Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)**

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wheels cd player central locking
diesel drivers airbag, black and silver,
41458 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844
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**370Z, BLACK EDITION, 2010, abs
brakes air conditioning cd player
electric windows immobiliser power
steering trip computer front
passenger air bag deactivation switch
remote central locking, black, 2904 miles,
£28500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494
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**GRAND MODUS, 2009, abs brakes cd
player central locking electric
windows power steering, illusion
stone, 12450 miles, £7600, Ashford,
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**KOLEOS, 2.0 dCi DYNAMIQUE, 2009,
air conditioning alarm fitted alloy
wheels cd player electric windows
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rear armrest body coloured bumpers
3x3 point rear seat belts height adj
drivers seat, metallic slate grey,
18635 miles, £12495, Ramsgate,
0844 856 4496 (TRADE)**

RENAULT

**CLIO, 1.2 CAMPUS, 2007, abs brakes
driven airbag electric windows
immobiliser power steering trip
computer remote central locking
isofix child seat points remote audio
controls adjustable steering column
body coloured bumpers 3x3 point
rear seat belts height adj drivers seat,
blue, 23000 miles, £4250, Ashford,
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PROPERTY NEWS

Proposal for agencies to combine property data

NATIONAL Statistician Jill Matheson is recommending a single headline measure of house prices be introduced to prevent confusion across the market.

Ms Matheson, the Government's chief adviser on official statistics, conducted a review into official housing data following concerns from people who monitor house prices from various indices.

Currently, there are two official house price indexes; one published by the Land Registry and one published by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

It has been suggested the DCLG and the Land Registry work together on the possibility of producing a joint statistical report containing a headline house price index.

In addition, the Halifax and the Nationwide produce their own house prices indexes each month – which are commonly used.

Ms Matheson said: "There is a great deal of interest in and importance placed on changes in the value of our houses by all sections of society.

"I want to be sure official statistics producers are providing the right statistics on house prices to support decision making by us all."

Survey reveals drop in amount of empty homes

THE number of private homes which have been empty for at least six months has fallen for the first time in three years, a survey has revealed.

The Halifax Empty Homes Survey showed there were 295,519 vacant homes in England – down from 316,056 a year ago.

However, it highlighted that levels of deprivation and high unemployment were typically higher in areas with a high proportion of vacant properties.

The Halifax says the latest figures mean that 1.6 per cent of all privately-owned properties in England were empty.

Suren Thiru, of the Halifax, said: "It is encouraging the number of long-term empty private homes has fallen, reversing the increases recorded over the preceding two years.

"Nonetheless, it is concerning that the problem of empty homes remains substantial in a number of areas."

Properties are classed as being empty if they have been vacant for more than six months because they are between occupants, undergoing modernisation, in disrepair, or awaiting demolition.



GOING DOWN: House prices are forecast to fall by about two per cent this year, but could be worse if the Government's new austerity measures hamper the economic recovery

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) has indicated house prices could fall by about two per cent in the next 12 months.

However, the institution highlights the fall could be much more severe if the Government's austerity measures hamper the economic recovery.

Many reports have pointed to a cooling housing market with continuous falls in mortgage approvals.

In addition, HM Revenue & Customs revealed a slump in the number of homes sold in November in the UK.

According to HMRC, 77,000 homes worth at least £40,000 or more were sold in the month – down from the 80,000 sold in October and 6,000 fewer than in November last year.

Experts have suggested the housing market will remain subdued in 2011, due to uncertainty surrounding the economy and the ongoing mortgage-rationing by lenders.

Over recent times, demand for housing has been weak as many buyers have adopted a 'wait and see' approach as uncertainty continues to surround the economy and the spending cuts make prospective buyers cautious.

House prices have also come under pressure as new instructions continue to outstrip buyer demand as property has been losing value since late summer after a recovery in the latter half of 2009.

Economic uncertainty promises a subdued 2011 housing market

Simon Rubinsohn, chief economist at RICS, said: "A key risk is the economy performs more poorly than we currently envisage.

"It is conceivable that the fall-out from the programme of public spending cuts could be greater, with the jobless total rising in a more market fashion.

Meaningful

"In these circumstances, it is likely the appetite of those considering making a purchase in the residential sector could turn out to be rather weaker than we currently anticipate."

Unemployment is expected to rise sharply over the next couple of years, reaching the three million mark next year, according to experts.

Mr Rubinsohn said: "There are sufficient reasons to doubt there will any meaningful improvement in the flow of mortgage finance over the coming 12 months.

"Moreover, it is not difficult to go one stage further and conclude that the balance between the debt and equity requirement for house-buyers has changed for the foreseeable future, if not for good.

"In this environment we find it hard to believe that sales activity in the residential market will be very much higher in 2011 than in 2010."

Vicky Redwood, an economist at Capital Economics, said: "The recovery in the UK labour market appears to be flagging even before the public-sector job cuts have really started."

Vacant property conversion cheaper alternative

LANDLORDS who are thinking about expanding and taking out a buy-to-let insurance policy may wish to consider what empty properties can offer.

David Ireland, chief executive of independent charity Empty Homes, said there should be more of a drive by the Government to

ensure such dwellings are put back into use, because housing demand is very high.

"The house-building rates at the moment are as low as they have been since the 1920s, so any other way you can provide homes has got to be very, very important," he said.

Mr Ireland said that converting vacant

homes was generally easier, cheaper and less environmentally damaging than constructing new properties.

He added it is essential every other possibility is looked at when house building is so low and refurbishing empty dwellings is a fairly obvious option.

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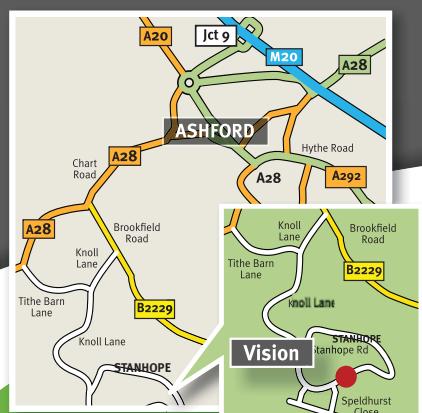
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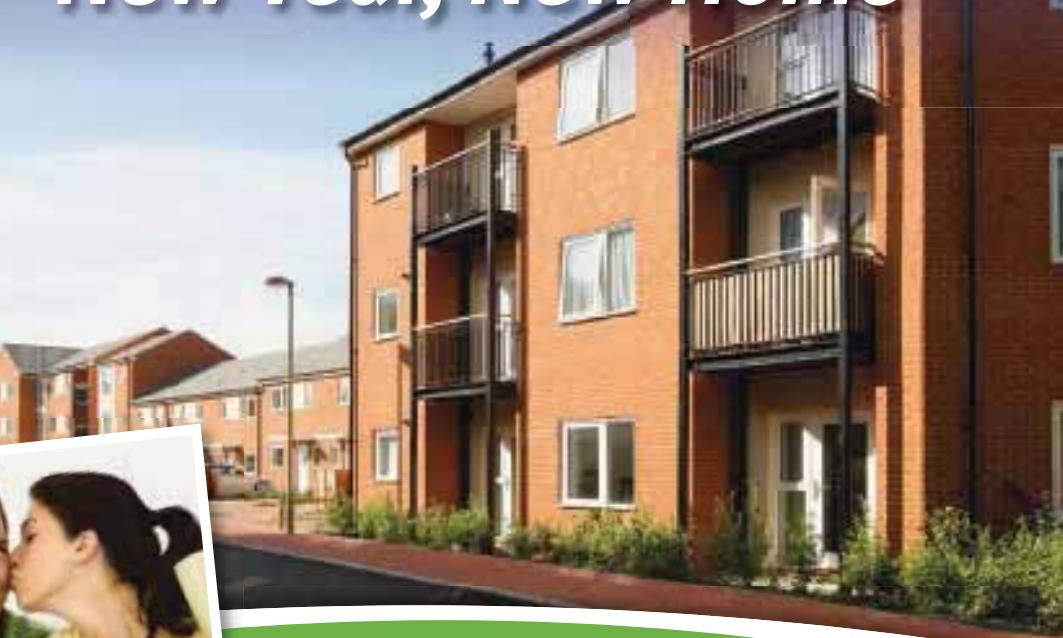
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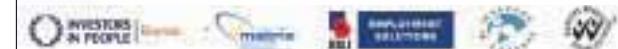
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Picture SIMON HARRIS



HERO: Sam Cutler scored against Bromley

RUGBY



Picture NICK DUNCAN

HARD: Dover Sharks face tough fixtures in January

Sharks must now show their teeth

DOVER captain Martyn Beaumont believes his side are ready to show their true colours in the second-half of the season following a four-week lay-off.

The Sharks were plagued by injuries in the opening months of the campaign and start the new year seventh in London 1 South, having already lost six times this term.

However, Beaumont is one of several players back to full fitness after the mid-season break and believes his side can only get better in their 13 remaining fixtures.

Dover host Cobham on Saturday, before travelling to struggling Chobham a week later, with tough games against leaders Tonbridge Juddians and Haywards Heath to come later in January.

"I think it was the perfect time to have the break because we've only got three or four players out now," Beaumont said.

"We're still aiming to finish in the top-three and it's going to be a good introduction to the post-Christmas period."

"It'll be a tough month, but if we can scalp one of the top teams that would be a bonus. Cobham are always tough and give us a good game every time they visit, but we expect to beat them at home."

The Sharks' home record has remained relatively untainted despite their struggles, with Haywards Heath the only visiting side to leave Crabble victorious.

Having racked up 12 tries already this season, Beaumont is the division's second-highest scorer and his return will be the biggest boost for Dover.

Cobham are only four points above the relegation zone, having not won on their travels since October.

Dover ran out 32-14 winners when the sides met in Surrey and another win this weekend would lift them to within touching distance of a tightly-bunched group of sides scrapping for third place.

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Cutler curler ensures honours even in dreary derby

FOOTBALL

Dover Athletic 1 Bromley 1

MIDFIELDER Sam Cutler hit a stunning last-gasp strike to earn a point for Dover in a dull new year's day derby with promotion rivals Bromley.

In a tight, but dreary first 45 minutes, Bromley goalkeeper Craig Holloway was called into action to save Harry Baker's 30-yard free-kick and Donovan Simmonds' far post header from the resulting corner.

The visitors responded with Leon McKenzie blazing over from the edge of the area, with Harrison Dunk's mazy run lacking a decent finish.

Dover came out of the blocks quickly at the start of the second-half and should have opened

the scoring through Adam Birchall. Luke I'Anson's chip over caught the Bromley defence napping, but the former Arsenal man could only fire into the side netting.

Despite the home side's bright start, it was Bromley who took the lead against the run of play on the hour mark. The visitors won a corner and Tutu Henriques met the cross with his head, leaving Hook rooted to the spot in the Dover goal.

The Whites responded immediately almost taking advantage of an error from Holloway. The Bromley keeper slipped while trying to gather the ball allowing substitute Elliott Charles an effort on goal, but the keeper managed to do just enough to prevent an equaliser.

However, with the points seemingly heading the visitors' way, Dover grabbed an equaliser two minutes from time. Barry Cogan found Cutler 25 yards from goal and the midfielder curled a stunning effort into the net.

Dover then beat Thurrock 7-2 on Bank Holiday Monday. For a report, log on to www.yourdover.co.uk.



Picture ADY KERRY

MAN ON A MISSION: Dover forward Adam Birchall has netted 29 goals so far this season and hopes to continue his good form in Saturday's FA Cup third-round clash at Huddersfield

Birchall believes his Whites can continue Cup heroics

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

HE has already made an impact on this season's FA Cup, but hot-shot striker Adam Birchall and his Dover Athletic team-mates are ready to produce another upset.

The forward has lit up the competition with 11 goals which has helped Conference South side Dover book a lucrative third round tie at League One Huddersfield Town on Saturday.

The Whites are the lowest ranked side left in the famous tournament and have already shown their credentials by knocking out two League Two sides Gillingham and Aldershot Town to reach the third round.

Maidstone-born striker Birchall is enjoying the form of his life this season having racked up 29 goals in all competitions, including netting five in Bank Holiday Monday's 7-2 league win at Thurrock.

The former Arsenal forward admits he is

thoroughly enjoying his time at the club and believes an upset at Huddersfield's Galpharm Stadium is a realistic possibility.

He said: "The gaffer [Martin Hayes] doesn't like us thinking about the FA Cup or talking about it, but for a lot of the players it is going to be the biggest game of their lives."

"From now until Saturday everybody is going to be really excited about it. A lot of the lads are ex-professionals and they feel like they have something to prove."

"You have to respect your opposition and Huddersfield are a fantastic team."

"The beauty of the FA Cup is anything can happen. If we were drawn against a Premier League side the gap is so huge that it would

just be a good day out. Huddersfield is just a league higher than two teams we have already beaten this season, so you never know."

A large contingent of Whites supporters are expected to make the trip to Yorkshire, including a select few who will be travelling up with the team via a private chartered plane from Manston International Airport.

Birchall added: "The fans are going to be absolutely massive for us. They really do voice themselves and if they do what they did at Gillingham it will give everyone an extra buzz."

"Everyone will play their part on Saturday."

Goalkeeper Ross Flitney, who has been suffering from flu, is expected to return between the posts after playing 90 minutes on Bank Holiday Monday. Midfielder Jon Wallis should be in contention for a place in the squad despite needing stitches on a cut to his ankle.

However, Elliott Charles is a doubt for the game with a hamstring injury and new signing Donovan Simmonds is cup-tied.

Seasiders pay the price for showing too much respect

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Tonbridge Angels 1

Judge 8

Picture: IGOR KUPCO



Folkestone Invicta 0



THE NEW year began for Folkestone Invicta similar to the way 2010 ended – with a defeat – but manager Neil Cugley felt his side's performance against Tonbridge Angels warranted some reward.

The Seasiders were at risk of being swept away in the opening 15 minutes as the Angels, playing for the first time since November, got away to a flying start.

They had the chances to win the game comfortably, but only scored once when Ben Judge made the most of an error from Jack Dello.

The lead remained precarious for the rest of the afternoon and as the Angels tired, Folkestone had chances to claim at least a point.

Cugley was pleased with some aspects, but still feels his newly-promoted side lack the belief to impose themselves on games from the beginning.

He said: "I'm disappointed because obvious-

DISAPPOINTED: Folkestone started with new year defeat by Tonbridge have got some really good players. They've got the finance and it shows, but in the second-half I don't think anybody would've begrimed us a draw.

"We have the problem when you're a young side they give too much respect to the other team. We have that early on, not just in this game but every game.

"The only two things I'm disappointed with is we started the first ten minutes very poorly and then obviously we haven't taken our chances to get a draw. Apart from that I'm really delighted with the way they played and the effort they're putting in."

Cugley handed debuts to Sam Gore and Antonio Gonella. The former experienced a torrid time against Rory Hill in the opening exchanges and had no answer to the former Gillingham youngster's pace and guile.

Frannie Collin had already spurned one

Folkestone Invicta starting XI



Subs used: Dickson (Burchell 70), Austin (Dryden 79), Webb (M Everitt 87)

good chance when the home side opened the scoring on eight minutes. Dello came out and punched thin air at a Hill corner and the ball fell invitingly for Judge to slot home.

For a few minutes it looked like the Angels were poised to run riot as they created chances at will.

Belatedly Folkestone hauled themselves into the game midway through the half. Josh Burchell and Jimmy Dryden hit the post in the same move, but the Angels survived.

The visitors' best chances came just after the hour mark. Frankie Chappell blazed over from six yards at a corner and with the next attack came an even clearer opportunity. Allan Tait helped on Gonella's free-kick for Dryden to head goalwards from close range, forcing a reaction save from Angels goalkeeper Lee Worgan.

It was as close as Invicta came and despite the positives they left Longmead three points from safety. Up next is a vital home game on Saturday against an Aveley side two points below them in the relegation zone.

FOOTBALL



TEAM SPIRIT: Hythe Town have great chance of title

Porter hails his side's togetherness as key to achieving success

HYTHE Town manager Scott Porter rates the team spirit in his squad as the best he has ever experienced and believes it could be the key to finishing top of the Kent League in April.

It has been a memorable campaign to date for Town, who went all the way to the FA Cup first round proper in November.

Despite the distraction of a trip to Hereford United they have been able to stay in contention for the league title and go into the new year with a genuine chance of challenging for honours in the spring.

Porter has been thrilled with the camaraderie generated by the cup run, shown recently when the entire squad braved the icy conditions to meet up for a Christmas meal.

He said: "We had 25 people sitting around when most people wouldn't have come out, so the spirit's been very good.

"I think the togetherness is great and is something I've never experienced as a player or a manager. It's the best I've ever seen and we want to keep that going because success comes with that.

"This time last year we were out of the league race so I'm delighted with where we are this year. Everyone's fit and raring to go for the second half of the season."

The festive season brought mixed blessings for Town. On the one hand they were able to strengthen their squad with the addition of experienced midfielder Nick Barnes, who has spent most of his career in the Ryman leagues.

It came in the wake of an extraordinary game at Reachfields, which saw Hythe slip to defeat against lowly Lordswood.

The hosts were 4-0 down at one stage before pulling it back to 4-3, but they could not salvage a point late on.

Town were at Holmesdale on Monday, where they drew 2-2 after leading 2-0.

They visit Norton Sports in the Kent Senior Trophy on Saturday.



OUTCLASSED: Folkestone's team of mainly second-team players were comprehensively beaten by Old Dunstonians

Rookies routed in cup match

RUGBY

Old Dunstonians 62 Folkestone 0

The Stones will be looking to complete a league double after winning 23-17 when the two sides met at the New Burlington Ground in September.

Folkestone resume the campaign fourth in the table after a good, if not spectacular, start to the season. There is a ten-point gap to the top three, but Molloy believes there is enough talent in his squad to force their way into contention as the season heats up.

He said: "It's definitely possible. As long as we're performing the results will take care of themselves – I think we will be up there pushing for promotion. I'm really pleased with how it's gone so far."

AN EXPERIMENTAL Folkestone line-up were well beaten by higher league opposition in the Kent Cup on Sunday.

With the competition's games often scheduled the day after the all-important league match, a run past the second round was not top of the Stones' priorities.

Several young players were given a run-out for the visitors, who could not cope with a ruthless Old Dunstonians side.

Darren Molloy, Folkestone's head coach, felt despite the scoreline, it was a valuable lesson for his rookies.

He said: "It was mainly made up of young second-team players and we came off second best. I told them at half-time to go out and express themselves. Games like that are a learning experience."

The first-team's focus is on this weekend's trip to Bromley in London 3 South East.

LEAGUE TABLE

(Before Monday's fixtures)

CONFERENCE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Braintree Town	17	11	3	3	+19	36
2 Bromley	19	9	7	3	0	34
3 Ebbsfleet United	16	9	5	2	+12	32
4 Tonbridge Angels	19	9	5	5	+11	32
5 Watford United (L5)	18	11	3	4	+4	31
6 Dover Athletic	17	9	4	4	+4	31
7 Chelmsford City	15	9	3	3	+4	30
8 Eastleigh	17	8	4	5	+9	28
9 Weston-super-Mare	21	8	4	9	-4	28
10 Bishop's Stortford	19	8	2	9	-11	26
11 Woking	18	6	6	6	-2	24
12 Maidenhead United	19	6	6	7	-8	24
13 Havant & Waterlooville	16	6	5	5	+4	23
14 Staines Town	17	5	7	5	+2	22
15 Hampton & Richmond Borough	17	4	8	5	-4	20
16 Dorking Town	17	5	4	8	-2	19
17 Basingstoke Town	16	4	5	7	-5	17
18 Hartlepool United	17	3	6	8	-7	15
19 St Albans City	17	2	7	8	-13	13
20 Lewes	19	3	3	13	-14	12
21 Thurrock	18	2	6	10	-6	12
22 Boreham Wood	17	2	5	10	-13	11

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	20	12	6	2	+19	42
1 Sutton United	21	11	4	6	+20	37
2 Cray Wanderers	21	11	4	6	+8	35
3 Bury	18	10	5	3	+10	33
4 Kingstoneian	18	10	3	5	+10	33
5 AFC Hornchurch	19	9	6	4	+7	33
6 Carshalton Athletic	20	9	3	8	+9	30
7 Lowestoft Town	15	8	5	2	+13	29
8 Concord Rangers	18	8	5	5	+6	29
9 Ryton Town	18	8	3	7	+1	27
10 Harrow Borough	18	8	3	7	+1	27
11 Hendon	15	7	5	3	+9	25
12 Canvey Island	18	6	7	5	+5	25
13 Tonbridge Angels	17	7	4	6	+3	23
14 Wellingstone	20	6	5	9	-4	23
15 Tooting & Mitcham United	22	5	8	9	-14	23
16 Margate	19	5	6	8	-1	21
17 Horsham	19	5	5	9	-15	20
18 Hastings United	20	4	6	10	-7	18
19 Folkestone Invicta	18	3	6	9	-12	15
20 Maidstone United	19	2	8	9	-13	14
21 Aveling	18	3	4	11	-16	13
22 Croydon Athletic	20	3	3	14	-31	12

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	13	7	5	1	10	26
1 Heme Bay	12	7	4	1	7	25
2 IOD Athletic	12	7	2	3	8	23
3 Beckenham Town	12	7	2	3	7	22
4 Hythe Town	11	7	1	3	10	22
5 Erith Town	13	6	4	3	8	22
6 Greenwich Borough	11	7	0	4	17	21
7 Sevenoaks Town	12	5	1	6	3	16
8 Deal Town	12	5	1	6	6	16
9 Tunbridge Wells	9	4	3	2	9	15
10 Norton Sports	12	3	6	3	0	15
11 Fisher	13	4	2	7	-6	14
12 Lordswood	12	3	2	7	-6	11
13 Holmesdale	14	2	5	7	-9	11
14 Corinthian	12	3	2	7	-9	11
15 Erith & Belvedere	9	3	1	5	-3	10
16 Sporting Bengal	13	2	1	10	-26	7

FIXTURES (Saturday):

FA CUP THIRD ROUND: Huddersfield Town v **Dover Athletic**; RYMAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: **Deal Town** v Heme Bay; KENT SENIOR TROPHY: Norton Sports v **Hythe Town** (1.30pm);

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